

FINANCING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (CLAIM RATE)

1.0. PAYMENT

The contractor shall be paid for payment record claims at the rates set forth in the contract, upon acceptance of the payment records by the TRICARE payment record edit system. Payment will be made within 30 calendar days after TRICARE receives and accepts a HCSR voucher submission. The contractor will be paid the negotiated claim rate for those payment record claims successfully passing the HCSR edit. Payment does not constitute final acceptance of services.

2.0. METHOD OF CLAIM COUNT

The administrative claim count of one is based on the Internal Control Number (ICN) with all HCSR suffixes for that ICN and is dependent on the Type of Submission and, if applicable, the Reason for Adjustment as defined in the [ADP Manual, Chapter 1, Section 3](#).

2.1. Internal Control Number (ICN)

The ICN is the Julian date and unique sequential number combination required to be stamped on the claim when received, and entered into fields 4-13 of each payment record. Administrative claim counts performed by TRICARE will be based solely on the number of HCSR payment records and their type of submission codes.

3.0. DETERMINATION OF CLAIM PRICE

Payment of administrative expenses will be made on the basis of the contract price in effect for the contract period in which the claim was originally processed by the contractor. For example, if a claim is originally processed during the basic contract period, is rejected by TRICARE, and is resubmitted during the first contract option period, the claim rate in effect for the basic contract period will be paid. The ending invoice date of the voucher will be used to determine the applicable rate. Payment will be made for initial HCSR submissions only. No payment will be made for adjustments or resubmissions.

